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1. On 23 September 1949, Kamenov, an official of the Bulgarian Foreign Office in Sofia, instructed the Bulgarian Embassy at Prague to send a courier to Berlin to deliver instructions to the "commercial delegate" of the Bulgarian Foreign Office, name unknown, who is stationed in Berlin. The instructions authorized the delegate to repay to the representative of the Austrian Communist Party the sum of \$27,858 (U.S.), which the Bulgarian delegate had previously received as an advance from the Austrian Communist Party. He was also authorized to pay the equivalent of 300,000 schillings, payment to be made in U.S. dollars at a rate of exchange of 28 schillings to the dollar. The purpose of these payments was not indicated.
2. It was said that there were 60 tons of cigarettes, "Arda" (?) available, or purchased, at \$3.50 per kilogram, at Franko (sic), Prague. The instructions stated that a sum of \$60,000 previously borrowed had already been repaid in Vienna. The above instructions were repeated on two occasions.
3. Further instructions, which it is believed were for execution in Prague, ordered the Bulgarian Embassy to purchase 500 tons of rolled wire and 500 tons of electric copper wire. The person directly interested in the instructions was Dimitar Ganev, Minister of Foreign trade.

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